

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the reasons that follow.

I. Status of the Claims and Amendments

This amendment cancels claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claims remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier. Because these amendments conform the claims to subject matter deemed allowable, as discussed in Section II, entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

Claims 4, 7, 10, 11, and 13-16 are requested to be canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 1, 5, and 6 are requested to be amended. Claim 1 is being amended to incorporate the subject matter of canceled claims 4 and 7. Claims 5 and 6 are being amended to make them dependent on amended claim 1 rather than canceled claim 4.

Upon entry of the amendments, claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, and 12 will be pending and subject to examination on the merits.

II. Outstanding Rejections and Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action indicates that claim 12 is allowed and that claim 7 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form.

To expedite prosecution, Applicants have amended the claims to comport with only the allowed subject matter. More specifically, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 7. Thus, claim 1 should be considered allowable. Because claims 2, 5, 6, and 8 depend from claim 1, these claims should also be considered allowable. Claims 4, 7, 10, 11, and 13-16 have been canceled. Thus, the pending claims should all be considered allowable.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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